

Success followed Ray Evernham during every step of his journey which culminated in one of the most impressive careers in NASCAR history. In 1992, Crew Chief Ray Evernham and a young Jeff Gordon teamed up and would eventually re-write the record books for nearly a decade.

Upon his retirement, Ray Evernham had amassed 46 total wins, 213 starts and 30 pole positions across NASCAR's three national series. His accomplishments also include victories at two Daytona 500s and two Brickyard 400s, along with leading the Number 24 team to three championships in four seasons. A true competitor and a pillar of motorsports for decades, Mr. Evernham will now take his rightful place among the greats in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Evernham is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ray Evernham on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY MYERS AND HIS SERVICE TO DAVIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Myers and congratulate him on his retirement.

Since 1988, Jerry Myers has been a tireless servant of the people and impacted countless individuals throughout his community. He proudly worked for the Davie County Emergency Medical Services and has overseen countless safety initiatives and plans. Jerry has accomplished much in his career from securing grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, successfully leading fire safety improvement efforts, and training countless individuals to impact their community in a positive way.

When Hurricane Matthew devastated hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians in October 2016, Jerry responded without hesitation. Along with a few other men from Davie county, he traveled to Raleigh to rescue citizens from rising waters. He led one of the first rescue teams in the Raleigh area, rescuing people from trees, homes, and the rising water levels. His actions saved countless lives during Hurricane Matthew and helped local emergency response teams.

Residing in Davie County, he has two children and has shown himself to be a consummate family man. Jerry is a proud member of Bear Creek Baptist Church and remains an active member in the community. I am extremely grateful for Jerry's contributions and service and I wish him continued success. As you can tell, it will be hard to replace Jerry Myers, a gentleman that has always striven to help others first.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Jerry Myers for his service to Davie County and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Friday, January 11, 2018 as my mother passed away.

We can provide law enforcement officials with the resources and capabilities necessary to defend the nation while simultaneously upholding the hard-fought and hard-won individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. As we now know, the National Security Agency has collected vast swaths of telephone and internet data, using Section 702 as justification, some of which was on Americans for whom there was no suspicion of wrongdoing. Liberty and security do not need to be mutually exclusive. However, S. 139 did not do enough to protect Americans from the watchful eye of government surveillance.

I strongly supported the amendment put forth by Congressman JUSTIN AMASH and Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN that would put more limitations on access to information collected on Americans and stronger safeguards against law enforcement using that information without a warrant. I would have supported this amendment and was disappointed that it did not pass.

Without the addition of the Amash-Lofgren amendment, I would have voted against this bill. There is still space to address these issues so that individual privacy rights will be upheld while our country is protected, but this bill did not protect Americans' privacy adequately.

TRIBUTE TO XAVIER STAUBS

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, rise today to pay tribute to Xavier Staubs, a freshman at Corunna High School, for his heroic actions in saving a rival swimmer from drowning during a swim meet. Xavier showed bravery and courage in helping to save the life of another.

Xavier is a freshman at Corunna High School and on Thursday, January 4, his quick and decisive action saved the life of a competing student. After completing the last leg of the 200-yard medley relay against rival Owosso High School he noticed panicked spectators pointing to Kamrin Samson, a junior at Owosso High School, who was sinking to the bottom of the pool. Xavier jumped back into the pool, swam down, and brought Kamrin back to the surface to receive the medical attention he needed. Once Kamrin was out of the water, medical personnel and coaching staff from both high schools performed the necessary treatment to resuscitate him.

For such a young individual, Xavier did not waver in a crucial moment. He was fearless and courageous at a time of life or death for

a fellow swimmer. To Xavier, all that mattered was doing the right thing. Actions such as these should serve as a guideline for how we should live our own lives: selflessness in service to others. Xavier's heroic actions on January 4 will be remembered by those in attendance for years to come, and they are a defining moment in his young life.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Xavier Staubs for his heroic and selfless actions.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MARY AUDREY GALLAGHER

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of Mary Audrey Gallagher. An educator, advocate, and proud mother, Audrey passed away peacefully on January 4, 2018, after enjoying time with her loved ones during the holidays. Audrey's life truly embodied the spirit of a hard-working, loving Irish American, as she nurtured strong bonds in her communities while fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised. Born on September 6, 1932, Audrey's honesty and integrity were formally recognized when she graduated from The Mary Louis Academy in Queens, New York, with the Character, Loyalty, and Spirit of Study Award, one of the academy's highest honors.

Upon graduating high school, Audrey attended and graduated from St. John's University, where she was captain of the school's Cheerleading Squad. After leaving a lasting mark on her campus community as a promising prospective instructor, she became a public school teacher. Some years later, Audrey married Warren Dromm. Her son, my dear friend and now-New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm, was born soon after. She was also mother to Lori, Marybeth, John, and Joseph. Her exemplary record of service continued, and after opening a nursery school, Audrey went on to become the director of multiple day care centers in New York City. She was instrumental in unionizing workers and she helped secure much-needed pay raises for paraprofessionals. Her courage and dedication changed lives. Audrey's support of her son, an openly-gay man, greatly advanced the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community through his advocacy and by founding the Queens chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), of which Audrey was an active participant.

Audrey, along with Daniel and PFLAG-founder Jeanne Manfred, worked to use their voices to fight the good fight against bigotry and intolerance in Queens and throughout New York City. But her support did not stop there—Audrey became a venerable presence in the Queens LGBT community, attending parades, advising the parents of LGBT youth, and wholeheartedly supporting her son in his own endeavors to improve Queens. Having served as PFLAG's Queens Hospitality Chairperson, Audrey believed in the special role that parents of LGBT children play. It is evident that her love for her son helped make

him the strong advocate he is today for the people of Jackson Heights and Elmhurst.

Mary Audrey Gallagher's energy and light is forever memorialized in the LGBT parents and children that can find support in her community today, and in children of her own. She is survived by Daniel, Marybeth, John, and Joseph. Audrey served as a remarkable example that love can, and should, triumph, and that there are few undertakings more rewarding than devotion to family and civic service. A Queens heroine, equal-rights crusader, and loving Irish-American mom, Audrey will be missed. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mary Audrey Gallagher. May she rest in peace.

HONORING IRWIN STOVROFF

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great Floridian, Irwin Stovroff, who passed away peacefully this week at the age of 95.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Irwin served in World War II as the 2nd Lieutenant in the 506th Squadron, 44th Bomb Group. He was captured by the Germans as a Jewish prisoner of war at Stalag Luft 1 and later received the Purple Heart for his courageous service.

Mr. Stovroff's dedication to veterans was the focus of his life. He founded Vets Helping Heroes, a nonprofit group to help veterans in need of service dogs, and it is through his efforts that the NDAA of 2010 included language from the Wounded Warrior K-9 Corps Act. Mr. Stovroff also volunteered as a National Service Officer for ex-POWs at the Palm Beach VA hospital. His selfless service to others embodied the commitment to national service that distinguishes the Greatest Generation.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to have known Irwin. He and his dog Cash were frequent and welcome visitors to my office, when Irwin and I would discuss ways our community could better serve our veterans.

Mr. Stovroff was an American hero. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Doris, the rest of Irwin's family, his many dear friends, and all those who were touched by his kindness, compassion and dedication to our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Stovroff's life and the lives of all veterans. Our nation is better because of Mr. Stovroff's service.

COMMEMORATING THE 2018 MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize the thousands of faithful and devoted students descending on Washington, D.C. to attend the March for Life Rally. The March for Life began in Washington, D.C., as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world.

I am proud to represent Peoria Notre Dame High School and Bloomington Central Catholic

High School, both participating in today's march. I applaud the institutions across the country that send their students to this event heightening their devotion to the cause.

These students show true dedication to their beliefs by taking the time out of their busy lives to travel across the country to show their support for the pro-life movement. I feel it is critical in this day in age for young, faithful people to get involved and fight for the sanctity of human life. The dedication and energy these student have shown are vital to the continued advocacy of pro-life issues.

This event, and the students and organizers who make it possible, deserve to be recognized today as pillars of society and strong examples of civic leadership.

IN HONOR OF 2018 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE KEN SQUIER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the broadcasting legend Ken Squier upon his induction into the ninth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

"Welcome to the Great American Race", Ken would say as viewers tuned in to watch the race. As one of NASCAR's original broadcasters, Ken was able to make the audience feel not only that they were at the race but that it was the most exciting race they had ever watched. Success followed him during every step of his journey, which culminated in one of the most impressive broadcasting careers in NASCAR history.

Throughout his career, Ken saw the importance of broadcasting and his understanding of the future of the sport led him to become a co-founder of the Motor Racing Network. "Common men doing uncommon things", Ken would describe drivers as his voice filled houses with excitement all across the country. His reverberations on the sport can still be felt today. To say Ken Squier is a NASCAR broadcasting legend would be a gross understatement. Ken is the embodiment of racing and will now take his place among the greats in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. Ken was one of five chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Ken Squier is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ken Squier on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

HONORING REVEREND HENRY ANDERSON, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Henry Anderson, Sr.

Reverend Henry Anderson, Sr., is a native of Holmes County; Lexington, Mississippi, and the third son of ten children born to the late Mr. James Anderson, Sr., and Mrs. Martha Friar Anderson who resides in Lexington, Mississippi. He is married to the former Dorothy Mae Harmon Anderson, and is a faithful and dedicated member of Rockport Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as Assistant Pastor. Reverend Anderson and his wife are the proud parents of three children: Anthony, Kimberly and Henry, Jr., and the grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Upon graduating from Lexington Attendance Center, presently Holmes County Central High School, Reverend Anderson became employed with J.J. Ferguson Asphalt Company, where he worked successfully for thirty-eight years; working his way up to an Asphalt Superintendent Manager. In this leadership position, he learned how to supervise workers in order to maintain quality production by being consistent, bidding for jobs, organizing materials to set up jobs, and maximizing production to ensure profits through sound financial management and effective communication.

After retiring from J.J. Ferguson Asphalt Company, and spending over forty-one years contributing to public service, Reverend Anderson saw the need for more Black owned businesses in Holmes County to support the communities at hand. After deep concentration and researching Black owned businesses in the county, Reverend Anderson saw the need for a Black owned Farm Supply Company due to the steep prices imposed on farm supplies already in the county and surrounding areas. With the desire and know how, and a long history and heritage rooted in farming, Reverend Anderson had the stamina to initiate the business, Anderson's Farm Supply, in March of 2010 and became an Entrepreneur of the business in April of 2010 which lends itself to a variety of farming needs. As a qualified and concerned citizen of Holmes County, Reverend Anderson was elected in November of 2015 by the people to serve as Supervisor for Beat 1, where he gives total commitment to the county and communities as a whole.

Reverend Anderson is a person who believes in involving all business and stakeholders in Holmes County, pushing for economic development, cooperative partnership and total community involvement in the business world. He listens and acts on important issues that involve all citizens in Holmes County, Lexington, Mississippi. He believes in working together in order to build on the accomplishments of the county that already exists, and moving forward to accomplish even more business for the betterment of his county and communities as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Henry Anderson, Sr. for his dedication to the community, friends and his family.

VETERANS VIEWS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere gratitude that I take this time to recognize